Estimate regarding production credit of gross cropped area in West Bengal

2897. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requirements of production credit for 50% of the gross cropped area in West Bengal was estimated by NABARD itself (based on the S. R. Sen Committee report) to be about Rs. 2000 crore per year;

(b) if so, whether only Rs. 40 crores is being disbursed as against this by all Commercial Banks in the State, per annum;

(c) if the priority sector credit increased to 40% level, the CDR of the State would go up to 80%; and

(d) if so, whether such under provisioning of institutional credit in the State is adversely affecting the growth potential of the State?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the requirement of production credit in West Bengal as estimated by Dr. S.R. Sen Committee by the end of VII Plan and VIII Plan period was as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Lower Estimates		Higher Estimates	
1989-90	1994-95	1989-90	1994-95
370	530	650	740

The corresponding estimates for production credit (Crop loan) made by NABARD in the Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLCP) for West Bengal in respect of all agencies for the period 1992-93 to 1996-97 is as under:

	updated (PLCP)
1992-93	225.69
1993-94	245.36
1994-95	253.38
1995-96	275.90
1996-97	343.38
TOTAL	1343.71

(b) The estimation of ground level credit disbursement for crop loan purpose by various agencies in the State of West Bengal during the year 1995-96 is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Particulars	Target for the year	Disbursements during the year
Commercial Banks	62.77	60.03
Central Cooperative Banks/State Cooperative Banks	230.30	198.26
Land Development Banks	—	—
Regional Rural Banks	17.40	12.88
TOTAL	310.45	211.17

(c) and (d) As per data available from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the credit-deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks for West Bengal was 56% as on end March, 1996.

As per data available from United Bank of India, the convenor bank, the advances to priority sector of all commercial banks and Regional Rural Banks stood at 31.74% of the total outstanding credit of these institutions in West Bengal as on September 1995.

Issues relating to banking developments, priority sector credit and provision of adequate credit for productive activities in the State are discussed periodically in the meetings of State Level Bankers' Committee.

Implementation of Prasar Bharati Act

2898. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the Prasar Bharati Act;

(b) to what extent Government are thinking to grant autonomy to Doordarshan and AIR;

(c) what are the Aggarwal Committee recommendation regarding duty distribution among various service officers under his Ministry mainly in Doordarshan;